Sir!

The 4th May last year expired here in Stockholm Professor J. E. Wikstrom, during a long time very suffering and ill. I was by the royal Academy of Sciences instantly appointed his successor, and knowing how much friendship you, during the time of the now deceased W., bestowed upon our botanical Museum, which received from you many great and beautiful collections from North America, I take myself the liberty to address you any few lines, asking from you the honour that you may favour also me with the same kind sentiments.

I have 1851-1853 made a voyage round the world in the swedish frigate Eugenie and brought home several collections, in the arrangement and determination of which I am now occupied. As we touched many of those places visited by the great United States Exploring Expedition I find in your

admirable work of the Botany of this Expedition many and valuable informations respecting the plants, who have been collected by me. I should therefore be very glad if you would send me a copy of this Botany — as I do not know how I shall get it else, for Prof. Fries is wanting his exemplar for himself — and I will be very happy to return to you my treatise on the Flora of the Galapagos-islands and the following parts of the Botany of our Expedition. My adress is only "the royal Academy of Sciences at Stockholm."

Perhaps you have got already the greatest part of our Swedish plants. If not, it should make me a great pleasure to send you whatever you wish to obtain from this country. And you will also permit me to add some plants from my voyage (as from the Galapagos-islands, Strait of Magalhaens &c.) and from Sweden. As soon as you have informed me what it may please you to require from here, I will directly send it to you.

In the hope that You may forgive me this trouble and not believe me too impudent in asking your work from yourself, but only take it as a desire to get into communication with you

I remain yours

Prof. N. J. Andersson

Stockholm d. 17 Febr. 1857.

As I have been preparing, since a time ago, a monograph of the Salices, it should be of a very great consequence to me if you could furnish me with the Nort-American species. Whatever you may please to lend me shall be carefully used and sent back again.

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